



Church of St. Matthew

A Catholic community that is a visible expression of God's love



25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“For the children of this world are more prudent in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. No servant can serve two masters. He will either hate one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and mammon.” - Lk 16:8b, 13

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September 18, 2022 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Liturgy Schedule

Masses

Saturday 4:15 PM (in-person)

Sunday 10:15 AM (in-person)

Sunday 10:15 AM (Saturday Mass available for viewing online)

Reconciliation

2nd & 4th Saturday and 1st & 3rd Sunday of the month following Mass

**Please contact the parish office regarding
Baptism, Matrimony, First Communion,
Confirmation and Anointing of the Sick**

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Office Hours

Mondays & Wednesdays 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Tuesdays & Thursdays 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Fridays Closed

Reflection from Father Steve

On the weekend of September 24 and 25 we will celebrate the Feast of Saint Matthew, Patron of our Parish Community.

In 1886 The Church of Saint Matthew was established as a Daughter church of the Mother church of German Catholics – The Assumption. Other Daughter churches also sprang from the Assumption – Saint Bernard, Saint Agnes, Saint Francis de Sales and Guardian Angels.

For 136 years Saint Matthew's Community has tried to truly be a visible sign of God's love on the West Side of Saint Paul. Many generations have been a part of the story of our parish – a story that changed and developed over the times and seasons of those many years.

The Community of Saint Matthew is an anchor in West Side life. Few, if any, institutions have as long and as committed a history in the life of The West Side.

In 1986, the Parish Centennial year, two parish artists (Craig David and Richard Schletty), with the support of a generous bequest and a \$50,000 grant from the National Endowment of the Arts, created the West Side History Murals that hang on the walls of our church.

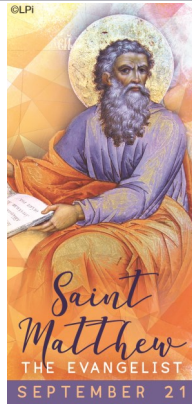
Our neighboring Lutheran Church, Holy Trinity, also founded in 1886, was celebrating her Centennial year. The History Murals were meant to commemorate Holy Trinity's life and contribution, as well as the life of the Community of Saint Matthew.

Most parishes compose a written history of the parish on the 100th anniversary of founding. We chose to tell our story in pictures and in a form that would be a lasting reminder of who we are and from where we have come.

All are invited, on Sunday afternoon, September 25, to a presentation by the two artists describing the paintings and their reasons for choosing the events, persons, and values the murals depict. There is further information about this event in another place in the Parish Bulletin.

Let us celebrate our parish community as we celebrate the great Apostle and Evangelist, Saint Matthew.

Father Steve Adrian



Volunteer Opportunities and Parish Needs

“Then I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” Then I said, “Here am I. Send me!” ~ Isaiah 6:8



GREETERS: St. Matthew parish seeks additional “Greeters” for Sunday 10:15 AM Mass. We welcome people who are able to extend a warm welcome to those arriving for Mass. Your friendly smile and enthusiasm for the Church of St. Matthew are all that is needed. We thank **Josiah** who has been our Sunday Mass greeter!

CLERICAL: Occasionally we will have a parish-wide mailing. At those times we call on some of our office volunteers to help. They fold letters, put materials in the envelopes and sort by zip code. If you would like to come into the office to help with this project, email Mary at mleibl@st-matts.org or call the parish office and leave your name and contact information.

PRAYER LINE: We are seeking a volunteer to monitor the Parish Prayer Line. In this role, your phone number would be published, without your name, in the parish bulletin under **Prayer Line**. People will call, asking to have the names of people in need of prayers placed on the Prayer Line. You will then call volunteers who have offered their time to pray for those requests. Having an answering system will be helpful. If willing to volunteer, please contact Mary Leibl or the parish office.



RECEPTIONIST: We welcome **Chris Mattson** who will be our new Tuesday morning receptionist. We are excited to have Chris join our volunteer office staff. And thank you to **Marilyn Gonsowki** who for many years volunteered at the office on Tuesday mornings.

THANK YOU: To the 136 people who attended the Saturday 4:15 PM and 82 who attended the Sunday 10:15 AM Masses. Thank you to **Fr. Adrian**, who through his homilies helps us to see how the readings pertain to our own lives. To **Jeanne** who served as the lector and **Kathy** who read the announcements on Saturday; **Shelly** who read the announcements and **Jerold** who served as lector on Sunday. Thank you to **Josie, Mary, Tom** and **Tim** who served as eucharistic ministers on Saturday; **Paul, Janelle** and **Ellen** on Sunday. To cantors **John** on Saturday; **Shelly** with singer **Andy** on Sunday. Thank you to pianist **Jill** and accompanist **Phil**. To ushers **Tom, Kevin** and **Tim** on Saturday; **Steve** on Sunday. Thanks to our sacristans **Mary** on Saturday; **Ginny** on Sunday. Thank you to our Saturday greeters – **Tom, Chris, Doris** and **Tim; Josiah** on Sunday.

Thank you to **Tim, Tom, Josie** and **Ginny** who took the Eucharist to parish parishioners unable to attend Mass.

WE ARE A VOLUNTEER PARISH!

Mary Leibl
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THE SOUNDS AND SIGHTS OF ST. MATT'S

If you would like to schedule a day to ring the bells, or a week to light the sanctuary lamp for your special memory, person or event, please contact the parish office at (651) 224-9793 by 1:00 PM Monday – Thursday.

Parish Administrator's Note

STORIES AND FOOD

I don't think there's any coincidence that stories and food are at the core of our Catholic faith life. What do I mean by that?

I'm referring to several connected realities. One of them happens at Mass, which always features Scripture stories, followed by a ritual meal. More formally, we speak of Mass as having two main parts: "The Liturgy of the Word" and "The Liturgy of the Eucharist." Whichever words you use, Mass is central to our Catholic identity.

Another reality happens when we meet with family, friends and St. Matt's community members to eat and tell stories. This Sunday's (9.18) breakfast, hosted by the Minus family, comes to mind. (I look forward to the return of Coffee Sundays. Planning for those has begun. Please consider when you might be able to help out.)

There's more. This coming Saturday, September 24, after Mass, we're bringing back another St. Matt's tradition: the Fix-It Dinner. I'm getting hungry, just thinking about all of these opportunities for a good meal with fellow parishioners.

I know that there will be plenty of stories shared at breakfast, coffee, and dinner. I've enjoyed the ones I've heard since I began here last year. I look forward to more.

There's a great line in one of the liturgical documents, where Mass is referred to as the source and summit of our faith lives. As *source*, Mass calls us to love and serve the Lord. As *summit*, we celebrate our communal faith in a particular way—the Mass.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

We recently contracted with the Parish Accounting Service Center (PASC) for additional help: Abby Franzen now handles Accounts Payable (AP) and other bookkeeping tasks. She'll be here for four hours each Thursday, so you might meet her if you're in the building at that time.

Abby succeeds Bernie Klein, who rendered great AP and other service for years. Thank you, Bernie! And welcome, Abby!

Let me know if you have any questions. Have a great week!

Phil Grant

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DATE CHANGE: The Feast of Saint Matthew will be celebrated during the weekend of September 24 and 25, not this weekend as previously published. Thank you.



REMEMBER
in your prayers

Florence Bandholz, Jeremiah Baker, Jeff Blomgren, Louise Breidel, Carolina Gomez, Marilyn Gonsowki, The Karas Family, Bernie Klein, Reyes Ledesma, Greg Lothenbach, Kendrick Morrison, Annamarie Moseng, Pablo Munoz, Ann Myran, Lisa Norton, Pam Perkovich, Elaine Pesek, Virgil Roethler, Marie Scanlan, Alice Schletty, Chris Stevens and Joshua Viellieux.

If you have a loved one you would like to add to this list, please call the parish office, provide us with your name and the name of your loved one. *We are strong as a community praying together.*

News and Events

BREAKFAST HOSTED BY THE MINUS FAMILY



On **Sunday, September 18 from 9:00 AM to 1:00PM**, the Minus family invites all to breakfast in the Social Hall in remembrance of Arthur Minus. Come join the Minus family to remember Arthur and spend time with other parish members. A free will offering for the Neighborhood House Food Shelf is welcome.

PRAY THE ROSARY WITH US ON SEPTEMBER 20

The rosary is the story of Jesus told through the New Testament. The Mysteries of the Rosary are a collection of scripture passages for us to read and reflect on as we pray.



The St. Matthew's parish community is invited to join the Rosary Society on **Tuesday, September 20 at 5:30 PM in the Chapel** as together we pray the rosary. A visit to the learntherosary.com can provide a helpful refresher on how to pray the rosary. Rosaries will be available in the Chapel.

The Rosary Society is planning to continue with this community rosary once a month. Watch the bulletin for future dates, times and locations.

Please join us!

Faith Formation News

FAITH FORMATION FIRST EVENING AND PARENT MEETING

Public school students in Grades K to 10 begin Faith Formation, First Communion, and Confirmation classes this **Wednesday, September 21**. If you have not yet registered your students, please do so by downloading the registration form and COVID-19 safety plan from www.st-matts.org/faith-formation/. Parents and children should attend that evening. Grades K to 7 begin class at 6:30 PM and Grades 8 to 10 begin class at 6:45 PM. Classes are held in the St Matthew Parish Center. The parent meeting starts at 6:50 PM and will be held in the church. Questions? Email janelle@st-matts.org or call or text 651-242-6004. ¿Habla español? Text Myrna, 651-285-8112.

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Alan Christensen	John Sekevitch
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Becky Montgomery	Phil Grant, Ex Officio

Bulletin

Announcements are due on **Monday by 10:00 AM** for the next Sunday's bulletin. Items should be sent to Angela Rakow at arakow@st-matts.org. *Items received after 10:00 AM will appear in the following week's bulletin.*

Readings for the week of September 18, 2022

Sunday: Am 8:4-7/Ps 113:1-2, 4-6, 7-8/1 Tm 2:1-8/Lk 16:1-13 or 16:10-13

Monday: Prv 3:27-34/Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5/Lk 8:16-18

Tuesday: Prv 21:1-6, 10-13/Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44/Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Mt 9:9-13

Thursday: Eccl 1:2-11/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17bc/Lk 9:7-9

Friday: Eccl 3:1-11/Ps 144:1b and 2abc, 3-4/Lk 9:18-22

Saturday: Eccl 11:9—12:8/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17/Lk 9:43b-45

Next Sunday: Am 6:1a, 4-7/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 [1b]/1 Tm 6:11-16/Lk 16:19-31

Mass Intentions

Saturday, September 17

4:15 PM Mass
Our Parish
+Glenn Bauman
+Joyce Burgess
+Leo Kegler

Sunday, September 18

10:15 AM Mass
Our Parish
+Arthur Minus
+Rudy Morales
+James and Helen Stevens

Monday, September 19

8:00 AM Cancelled

Tuesday, September 20

8:00 AM Cancelled

Wednesday, September 21

8:00 AM Cancelled

Thursday, September 22

8:00 AM Cancelled

Friday, September 23

8:00 AM Cancelled

Saturday, September 24

4:15 PM Mass
Our Parish
+Pam, Lucille and Robert Stickler, Sr.

Sunday, September 25

10:15 PM Mass
Our Parish
+Jean Bauman
+Mark Lund
+Joe Savard

Calendar of Events

Monday, September 19 - Friday, September 23

5:00 PM - 6:00 PM Loaves & Fishes
Meals are being served as take-out only at this time

Monday, September 19

9:00 AM - 4:00 PM Parish Office Open
7:00 PM AA Meeting

Tuesday, September 20

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Parish Office Open

Wednesday, September 21

8:00 AM - 5:00 PM St. Mary's Clinic
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM Parish Office Open
6:30 PM Faith Formation Classes

Thursday, September 22

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Parish Office Open
4:30 PM Finance Council Meeting
6:00 PM AA Meeting
6:45 PM Parish Council Meeting

Friday, September 23

Saturday, September 24

4:30 PM Mass (in-person)
No Confession after Mass
5:30 PM St. Matthew's Community Fix-It Dinner

Sunday, September 25

10:15 AM Mass (in-person)
10:15 AM Saturday Mass available online
2:00 PM West Side Paintings: Reflections on a Centennials Project

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